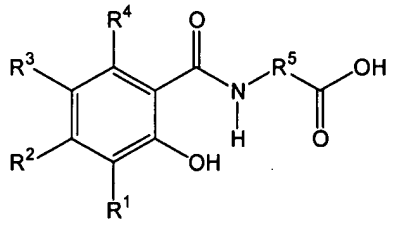
## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

1. (Original): A disodium salt of a delivery agent having the formula




wherein

$R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, and $R^4$ are independently hydrogen, -OH, $-NR^6R^7$, halogen, $C_1$-$C_4$ alkyl, or $C_1$-$C_4$ alkoxy;

$R^5$ is a substitued or unsubstituted $C_2$-$C_{16}$ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted $C_2$-$C_{16}$ alkenylene, substituted or unsubstituted $C_1$-$C_{12}$ alkyl(arylene), or substituted or unsubstituted aryl($C_1$-$C_{12}$ alkylene); and

$R^6$ and $R^7$ are independently hydrogen, oxygen, or $C_1$-$C_4$ alkyl.

2. (Original): The disodium salt of claim 1, wherein the delivery agent is *N*-(5-chlorosalicyloyl)-8-aminocaprylic acid.

3. (Original): The disodium salt of claim 1, wherein the delivery agent is *N*-(10-[2-hydroxybenzoyl]amino)decanoic acid.

4. (Original): The disodium salt of claim 1, wherein the delivery agent is sodium *N*-(8-[2-hydroxybenzoyl]amino)caprylic acid.

5. (Original): An ethanol solvate of the disodium salt of claim 1.

6. (Original): The ethanol solvate of claim 5, wherein the delivery agent is *N*-(5-chlorosalicyloyl)-8-aminocaprylic acid.

7. (Original): The ethanol solvate of claim 5, wherein the delivery agent is *N*-(10-[2-hydroxybenzoyl]amino)decanoic acid.

8. (Original): The ethanol solvate of claim 5, wherein the delivery agent is sodium *N*-(8-[2-hydroxybenzoyl]amino)caprylic acid.

9. (Original): A monohydrate of the disodium salt of claim 1.

10. (Original): The monohydrate of claim 9, wherein the delivery agent is *N*-(5-chlorosalicyloyl)-8-aminocaprylic acid.

11. (Original): The monohydrate of claim 9, wherein the delivery agent is *N*-(10-[2-hydroxybenzoyl]amino)decanoic acid.

12. (Original): The monohydrate of claim 9, wherein the delivery agent is sodium *N*-(8-[2-hydroxybenzoyl]amino)caprylic acid.

13. (Original): A composition comprising at least about 50% by weight of the disodium salt of claim 1, based upon 100% total weight of delivery agent and salts thereof in the composition.

14. (Original): The composition of claim 13, wherein the composition comprises at least about 90% by weight of the disodium salt, based upon 100% total weight of delivery agent and salts thereof in the composition.

15. (Original): A composition comprising:

(a) the disodium salt of claim 1, ethanol solvate thereof, or monohydrate thereof; and

(b) at least one active agent.

16. (Original): The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition comprises at least about 50% by weight of the disodium salt, based upon 100% total weight of delivery agent and salts thereof in the composition.

17. (Original): The composition of claim 16, wherein the composition comprises at least about 90% by weight of the disodium salt, based upon 100% total weight of delivery agent and salts thereof in the composition.

18. (Original): The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition comprises at least about 90% by weight of the monohydrate, based upon 100% total weight of hydrate of the disodium salt of the delivery agent in the composition.

19. (Original): The composition of claim 15, wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of growth hormones; human growth hormones; recombinant human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; porcine growth hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; α-interferon; β-interferon; γ-interferon; interleukin-1; interleukin-2; insulin; porcine insulin; bovine insulin; human insulin; human recombinant insulin; insulin-like growth factor; IGF-1; heparin; unfractionated heparin; heparinoids; dermatans; chondroitins; low molecular weight heparin; very low molecular weight heparin; ultra low molecular weight heparin; calcitonin; salmon calcitonin; eel calcitonin; human calcitonin; porcine calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; protease inhibitors; adrenocorticotropin; gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; leutinizing-hormone-releasing-hormone; follicle stimulating hormone; glucocerebrosidase; thrombopoietin; filgrastim; prostaglandins; cyclosporin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium;

sodium chromoglycate; disodium chromoglycate; vancomycin; desferrioxamine; parathyroid hormone; fragments of parathyroid hormone; antimicrobials; anti-fungal agents; vitamins; analogs, fragments, mimetics and polyethylene glycol-modified derivatives of these compounds; and any combination thereof.

20. (Original): The composition of claim 15, wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of heparin and calcitonin.

21. (Original): A dosage unit form comprising:

(a) the composition of claim 15; and

(b) (i) an excipient,

(ii) a diluent,

(iii) a disintegrant,

(iv) a lubricant,

(v) a plasticizer,

(vi) a colorant,

(vii) a dosing vehicle, or

(viii) any combination thereof.

22. (Original): A solid dosage unit form comprising a lyophilized mixture comprising

(a) the disodium salt of claim 1; and

(b) at least one active agent.

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29. (New): A method for administering salmon calcitonin to an animal in need thereof, the method comprising administering orally to the animal a composition comprising:

(a) N-(5-chlorosalicyloyl)-8-aminocaprylic acid, wherein N-(5-chlorosalicyloyl)-8-aminocaprylic acid comprises at least about 96% by weight of the disodium salt of N-(5-chlorosalicyloyl)-8-aminocaprylic acid; and

(b) salmon calcitonin.